

## FROM PORT ROYAL.

Capture of Frizes—Accident to a Steamer—The Third South Carolina Regiment—Submarine Cable Laid—News from Florida—Rebel Forces Withdrawn from James Island.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BILLET ROAD, S. C., May 19, 1863.

Since the sailing of the *Augeo* on the 12th inst. no other valuable prize has been added to the long list of captures by Admiral Dupont. Almost every English vessel bound for a Rebel port in this department seems to fall into his clutches. Not only a few days ago at Charleston, where a large and vigilant fleet are constantly on the look out for them, but in Ossabaw and Warsaw Sound, and in this instance off the harbor of Port Royal, which one would naturally suppose they would keep at a distance.

On Tuesday last, an English topsail schooner was driven down by the current from the northward to the lightship off this port. The Captain of the craft called the lightship commander, Capt. Lawrence, and asked if this port was not Charleston. He was replied to that it was not, but that it was Port Royal.

"Then," said the English skipper, "can you furnish me a pilot for Charleston or Savannah?" "Charleston is blockaded," replied the captain of the light-ship. "Well," said the Anglo-Blockader, inclined to be agreeable and modest in his decesses, "I can't give you a pilot for Savannah?" He was asked to stay by during the night and a pilot would be furnished him, which he agreed to do. Information of these facts were sent in by boat, by Capt. Lawrence, to the captain of the fleet, Captain Rogers. The Daffodil, Master's Mate Wentworth in command, was immediately signaled, and Flag-Lieut. Preston, with ten men from the Wahabah, went out to her at about one o'clock at night. After cruising about all night, and some time after daylight, the English schooner was discovered nearly 50 miles to the northward and eastward of the bar, encircled. The Daffodil immediately ran down to her, and she was taken possession of. Captain Powell, her commander, was found in a delightful state of inebriation, perfectly reckless of his fate. Her papers were taken care of and the vessel made fast. She was towed into port on Wednesday and anchored under the gunner of the Wahabah. Her name proved to be the Gunner, and her captain at first insisted that she was bound from London to Nassau via Antigua, with a cargo of salt. Her chronometer, he said, was out of order, and so she got out of her course. This was the first story of the captain, but being closely questioned, he finally admitted he was a blockade-runner and a lawful prize. Acting Master Wentworth of the Daffodil was afraid of her with a prize crew. She will be sent to Boston for condemnation.

On Tuesday morning last, the steamboat *Martiano*, Capt. Blyskamp, while bucking out from the wharf to give the Gen. Hunter, from Beaufort, a berth to land her passengers, unfortunately ran on the fluke of an anchor, inflicting a galling wound in her bottom, from which she sank in a short time. Fortunately the tide was low and the water shallow, and no lives were lost. The floating derrick *Ditrogo* was sent alongside during the morning and efforts were made to raise her. Chains were successfully put under her, but it was found impossible at the time to raise her sufficiently high to keep the water out, in order to work the pumps. A fresh wind during the following night raised a considerable sea, which drove the *Ditrogo* into the *Martiano*, and occasioned a good deal of damage. The *Martiano's* sides between deck and water were crushed in, and it is now doubtful whether she can be raised. A heavy gale would certainly break her up. It is possible, however, if the weather should continue fine and the sea smooth, that she may be extricated from her dangerous position and repaired. At all events, her machinery and boiler, cabin furniture, and everything but the hull is saved.

THE KORNHAGEN FRAUDS.—The Grand Jury of the United States Circuit came into Court this morning with five bills of indictment against Schlesien Kornhagen for presenting false and forged claims upon the Government at the United States Mastering and Disbursing Office in this city. His Honor, Judge Betts, complimented the Grand Jury for their neat and diligent in the matter. The jury then adjourned over to June 16, Mr. Scott, the Special Commissioner of the War Department, having requested time for his counsel, Mr. Sedgwick, to draw the case of these Kornhagen frauds is an exceptional one, and its progress will be watched by the Government with the greatest solicitude, as his conviction would be productive of important benefits to the public.

FORGED DRAFTS DETECTED.—Several forged drafts, signed F. O. Adams of Chicago, and drawn on Thompson Brothers of New York, were detected on Thursday including one for \$4,000 received from Washington. Messrs. Thompson state that they have seen \$20,000 of the forged drafts thus far, coming from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. They suppose the regues are now at work in camp at Hunter's Hill Head Island.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.—HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW YORK CITY, May 14, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 41.—Yesterday any discharged soldier in this Department, who may have placed his certificate of discharge in the hands of the "Protective War Commission" to be sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, will be exempt from arrest for desertion, on exhibiting a receipt for such certificate, duly signed by the Secretary of the said Commission.

By command of Major-General Wool.

C. T. CHRISTENSEN, Major and Adj't General-Officer. S. E. CARPENTER, Adj'tade-Camp.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.—A regular meeting of the Board of Councilmen was held on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The President, Major Jones, esq., and Councilmen Hayes, Hawley, Hartland, Sanford, and Price were present. Being in quorum, the Board voted to make a contribution of \$100 to the colored men, who are in the city, and passages leading to the Chambers was filled with the sheet-sweepers under the Hickey contract, and at one time appeared strongly in favor of a general row—the sweepers refusing to let the Chamberlain Police, however, succeeded in clearing the room, the men who were protecting they were in a starving condition.

WHOLESALE THIEF OF SHOE-LEATHERS.—Moses Cohen was arrested by Detective McDonald yesterday, on a charge of stealing from Henry C. Southwick, No. 21 Park Row, a box, containing about 400 pairs of shoe-uppers, of the value of \$400, and selling them at a price of \$100 to a man in Boston. The thief was recovered, and the accused was sent to prison to await his trial, in default of \$1,000.

SUCIDE.—At an early hour yesterday morning Mrs. Percy, residing at No. 126 West Forty-fifth street, committed suicide by jumping from the fourth-story widow of the building into the sidewalk. She was instantly killed. Mrs. P. was a highly respectable woman, and it is a mystery that she should have committed self-distruction.

GEN. TOM THUMB.—SPURIOUS PICTURES.—Gen. Tom Thumb and Wife would caution the public against spurious Cartes de Visite, as they have been unable to purchase either horses or mules, but notwithstanding this great disadvantage, under the stimulus of receiving all the avails of their labor themselves in the culture of their crop they are not in the least behind their white brethren who cultivate the adjoining plantations.

From Florida we have but very little of interest. Col. Putnam of the Seventh New-Haven, who commanded the post at St. Augustine, has been relieved by Col. Hawley of the Seventh Connecticut, and been assigned to the command of the post at Fernandina.

But a very small Rebel force is supposed to be in Florida. Last Saturday the Rebel pickets at St. Augustine shelled across the lines that Gen. Lee had badly whipped Gen. Hooker in Virginia, and that Gen. Rosecrans had beaten Gen. Bragg in Tennessee. In contradiction to these reports from Florida, the Rebel packets on Morris Island, near Charleston harbor, told us last week that Hooker, or some other d—d Yankee General was to be in Richmond, with a loss of 30,000. It is quite singular that these reports should have been received here upon the same days they were in New-York and Boston, and that the Rebels themselves seemed anxious to announce their own defeat.

From the signal station on Folly Island we have reports that the large force of Rebels upon James Island have suddenly left for parts unknown, and that no soldiers can now be seen but the few remaining around the fort.

Flaggs were at half-mast and minute-guns were fired last Friday from all the Rebel forts in Charleston harbor. The death of Gen. Jackson is supposed to have been the cause.

The Rebels have not yet been able to take away the guns from the wreck of the *Keokuk*. They made several attempts last week, but in every instance were shelved away by the vigorous firing of the Paul Jones, one of the blocking squadrons. A small battery is being erected upon Morris Island, to cover those at work upon the vessel. Under this protection the Rebels will probably succeed in carrying off the guns.

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SHAMELESS AND UNMANLY PERSONALITIES.—Some hand and seal persons interested in the sale of the Card Photographs of the Lilliputians in the Museum have obtained the Card de Visite of Gen. Tom Thumb and Wife, Minnie Warren, Com. Natty, and P. T. Barnum, is not a photograph at all, but a miserable engraving, which is a libel on those whose it pretends to represent. Gold embroidery, or set, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address MME. DEMORET, No. 473 Broadway.

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